



## WINE

Ara Riesling

## VINTAGE

2008

## APPELLATION

Willamette Valley

## VINEYARDS

Estate-Eola Hills and Yamhill

## PRODUCTION

185 cases

## ALCOHOL

12.6%

## RESIDUAL SUGAR

1.12g/100ml

## TA

0.92g/100ml

## PH

2.89

## SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$25. | bottle

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## ABOUT

A CONSTELLATION IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (JUST SOUTH OF SCORPIUS). NAMED AFTER THE ALTAR OF THE CENTAUR KNOWN AS CHIRON, WHO WAS HALF HORSE, HALF MAN, AND THOUGHT TO BE THE WISEST CREATURE ON EARTH. ARA IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE ALTAR THAT NOAH BUILT AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD. ARA RIESLING IS ONLY PRODUCED WHEN THE STARS ARE IN THE RIGHT ALIGNMENT – IT REPRESENTS POWER, CONCENTRATION AND AGEABILITY.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND SORTED AND 100% DESTEMMED. THE FRUIT SETTLED FOR 1-2 DAYS AFTER PRESSING AND RACKING TO AGE IN SMALL LOT STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION TANKS. THE TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO 52-55 DEGREES AND YEAST WAS ADDED. FERMENTATIONS LASTED FROM FIVE WEEKS TO SIX MONTHS, DEPENDING UPON THE LOT. ONCE COMPLETE, THE WINES WERE RACKED OFF THE LEES AND INDIVIDUAL LOTS WERE TASTED TO DETERMINE THE OVERALL BLEND OF VINEYARDS. WE BOTTLED THIS WINE IN SPRING OF 2009 TO CAPTURE THE LUSH MOUTHFEEL AND HEAVY FRUIT PRESENCE.



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